



# Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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## Housekeeping

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*The next newsletter* is scheduled for the week of **August 6, 2021**.

*The next webinar* will be scheduled in the next school year, stay tuned.

View past newsletters and webinars [here](#). On this page are also links to subscribe/unsubscribe from the newsletter and register for upcoming webinars.

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## General Questions?

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### IMPORTANT DATES

07/15/21 - ISAT ELA & Math Practice/Training Tests Close

07/15/21 – Participation Appeals Window Opens

07/16/21 - SNE Spring & Summer Workshop #2 Ends

07/23/21 - ISAT/IDAA Participation Rate Appeals Window Closes

07/26/21 - ISAT Portal Update Launch

07/28/21 - TIDE Availability Closes

07/28/21 - Summer Interim ISAT Test Window Closes

07/28/21 - ISAT Online Test Administrator Certification Course Closes

07/30/21 – Participation Appeals Window Closes

For a complete list, please see the

[SY 2021 – 2022](#)

[Important Dates](#)

[Chronological Chart](#)

## Director's Update

### Participation Appeals Window Opens July 15

The ISAT/IDAA Participation Rate Appeals Window was originally scheduled to open on July 12. However, due to some delays in data processing, we have had to move the window back by a few days. The participation rate appeals window will now open on **July 15** and close on **July 30**. Please see the Accountability section below for more information.

### Alternate Assessment Update

The spring alternate assessments in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics were new this year and Idaho originally planned to conduct standard setting this summer. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 disruptions, we plan to postpone that process until next summer. Idaho explored the option of sharing raw scores this year, but the U.S. Department of Education has requested that we still produce preliminary proficiency level information. We are currently working towards producing provisional scores and temporary proficiency levels that would be available for this year's alternate assessments in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics later this fall.

### Assessment & Accountability Webinar and Newsletter Feedback Requested

*We are requesting your feedback!*

Please help us improve our communication with you by filling out the [anonymous survey](#).

Response Deadline: **July 23, 2021**.

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**If you have questions, please contact Director of Assessment & Accountability, Kevin Whitman at [kwhitman@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kwhitman@sde.idaho.gov) or 208-332-6893.**

## Accountability

### Reminder: Participation Rate Appeals Window

The ISAT/IDAA Participation Rate Appeals Window is scheduled to open **July 15-30, 2021**.

During the appeals window, you may submit an appeal in the [appeals app](#) for each student who did not test due to:

- documented medical condition that affected the entire testing window;
- extenuating circumstances (e.g. death in the family, house fire, etc.); and
- ISEE data errors (e.g. missing exit date, etc.)

Students who participated in the alternate assessment will be shown as non-participants in the appeals application. You do not need to submit an appeal for these students. We will be receiving the alternate assessment data in a few weeks and at that point will identify the relevant students as participants.

### Reminder: COVID-19 Related Non-Participants

In addition, please submit an appeal in the [appeals app](#) for COVID-19 related non-participants to help us estimate the impact caused by the pandemic. Based on the comments received during the monthly webinar on **June 9, 2021**, you can now use [OTIS](#) to bulk upload COVID-19 related non-participants who do not meet the appeals criteria. To clarify, [OTIS](#) is not to replace the [appeals app](#) and is not for any qualifying students whose participation status needs to be appealed. More information will be provided in the future.

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## College Entrance Exam



### [New: Order Fall 2021 PSAT/NMSQT](#)

For more information, please review the [announcement](#).

### [Reminder: SY2021-22 Testing Dates Available](#)

The SY2021-22 testing dates are now available. All dates are subject to change.

#### SAT

- April 13, 2022 (Primary)
- April 26, 2022 (Make-up)

#### PSAT/NMSQT

- October 13, 2021 (Primary)
- October 26, 2021 (Alternate)

#### ACCUPLACER

- On-demand

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## Science



### [Spring 2021 Science ISAT Performance Data in Reporting](#)

The spring 2021 science ISATs were independent field tests. Therefore, students will NOT receive an overall score or an Individual Student Report.

### [Summer 2021 Interim Testing](#)

#### Summer Interim Testing Window

The summer interim testing window is **June 1, 2021 to July 28, 2021**. See the ISAT Portal for other [Important Dates](#).

#### Interim Test Administration

Science interims can be administered in a standardized and non-standardized manner.

- Standardized = Test Delivery System (TDS)
- Non-Standardized = Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)

Both the Test Delivery System, and the Assessment Viewing Application will be available during the entire summer interim testing window which is open from **June 1, 2021 to July 28, 2021**.

The Remote Interim Testing Site is also available on the [ISAT Portal](#). Students can use a conventional web browser (e.g., Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox) to access an interim assessment – remotely. Students will need their First Name (as its recorded in TIDE) and their EDUID.

## Interim Blueprints

Blueprints for the science interims are available on the [ISAT Portal](#).

## Interim Answer Keys

Answer key for the science interims are available in TIDE > General Resources > Interim Tests Scoring Materials. Remember that interim answers keys are secure documents and should be treated as such.

## Updates to Idaho Portal

Cambium Assessment Inc, (our testing vendor) is performing a significant cosmetic update to the Idaho Portal. This update will carry over many of the functionalities already in place, but will streamline and modernize the look and feel of the Idaho Portal.

The url for the Idaho Portal will remain the same (<https://idaho.portal.cambiumast.com/>), and currently we are expecting the launch of the updated Idaho Portal on **June 26, 2021**.

## TIDE Rollover for SY2021-2022

For SY20-21, TIDE availability will close on **July 28, 2021**.

When TIDE rolls over to SY21-22, all existing user **passwords** will be cleared from the system. Users will need to request new passwords prior to logging into TIDE for the first time in SY21-22. Users should then receive an email from the Idaho Help Desk providing clear instructions on how to create a new password. Additionally, districts should review their list of users in TIDE, and add or delete any users as appropriate.

All students are deleted from TIDE during the new year rollover process. Districts should plan to upload students in August 2021 when TIDE becomes available.

## Remote Administration of Summative Science ISATs for SY2021-2022

For SY20-21, added the flexibility of remote administration of the summative science ISATs.

For SY21-22, the Idaho SDE is still in the process of deciding if remote administration of the summative ISATs will be available. The SDE is gathering feedback on how remote administration of the summatives went during this SY20-21, and we will be using that feedback (along with other data) to render a decision.

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**If you have questions, please contact ISAT Science Coordinator, Kevin Chandler at [kchandler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:kchandler@sde.idaho.gov) or 208-332-6988.**

A banner for ISAT featuring the text "ISAT" in white on a dark blue background. To the right, there is a photograph of two students, a boy and a girl, looking at a book together in a library setting.

## Spring 2021 Student Performance Data in Reporting

Student performance data from the spring 2021 ELA/L and Mathematics ISATs will appear in Reporting approximately 10 days AFTER the student has completed and submitted BOTH the CAT and the PT portions of their ISATs.

A student will still receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) that has an overall scale score. However, only groups of students will receive Claim level performance data from the Adjusted Form.

## Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

See “How to Print Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and Student Data Files” PowerPoint on the [ISAT Portal](#) for more a short training module on how to generate ISRs from Reporting.

## Reporting Claim/ Target Symbols

See “Reporting Claim/ Target Symbols for Spring 2021 Summative Tests Quick Guide” PDF on the [ISAT Portal](#) for summarizes of the meaning of the Proficient? and Weak or Strong? symbols for students’ performance on Targets that will be shown in Reporting for the spring 2021 ELA/L and mathematics summatives.

## Additional Reporting Resources

Additional resources for using Reporting on available on the [ISAT Portal](#). Including:

- Reporting Quick Guide
- How to Print and Export Data You Can See in Your Reports
- How to Track Student Performance Over Time Using the Longitudinal Report
- How to Drill Down into Your Results by Selecting Previous School Years and Previous Students
- How to Drill Down into Your Results by Selecting Specific Tests and Classes
- How to Understand a Demographic Breakdown Report and a Student Portfolio Report
- How to Understand Measures for Standards, Depth of Knowledge (DOK) levels, and Writing Dimensions
- How to Navigate the Dashboard and Access Your Summative Results

## Summer 2021 Interim Testing

### Summer Interim Testing Window

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### Interim Test Administration

ELA/L and mathematics interims can be administered in a standardized and non-standardized manner.

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### Interim Blueprints

Blueprints for the [ELA/L](#) and [mathematics](#) interims are available on the [ISAT Portal](#).

### Interim Answer Keys

Answer key for the ELA/L and mathematics interims are available in TIDE > General Resources > Interim Tests Scoring Materials. Remember that interim answers keys are secure documents and should treated as such.

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## Remote Administration of Summative ELA/L & Math ISATs for SY2021-2022

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## Adjusted Blueprints for Spring 2022

Recall that in SY20-21, all students were administered tests according to Adjusted Blueprints. As of today, the Idaho SDE is still considering whether to go back to a full blueprint for ELA and math summative ISATs.

As soon as those decisions are rendered, we will let you know.

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## ACCESS State Frequency Report

The [2021 ACCESS State Frequency Report](#) has been posted to the [ELPA webpage](#).

## WIDA Screener for Kindergarten

The Idaho SDE will use the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten starting on **August 1, 2021** to identify provisional ELs enrolling in kindergarten and grade 1 first semester. The new kindergarten screener will replace the Kindergarten W-APT at this time. Screen-out criteria has been finalized and is outlined below:

First Semester Kindergarten	Second Semester Kindergarten	First Semester Grade 1
✓ ≥ 5.0 Oral Proficiency Level	✓ ≥ 5.0 Oral Proficiency Level	✓ ≥ 5.0 Oral Proficiency Level
✓ ≥ 4.0 Listening PL	✓ ≥ 4.0 Listening PL	✓ ≥ 4.0 Listening PL
✓ ≥ 4.0 Speaking PL	✓ ≥ 4.0 Speaking PL	✓ ≥ 4.0 Speaking PL
	✓ ≥ 2.0 Literacy Score	✓ ≥ 4.0 Literacy Score

The Idaho SDE and WIDA will continue to provide [trainings](#) on how to administer the new WIDA Screener for Kindergarten over the next several months. Training provide the opportunity for participants to collaboratively strengthen their understanding of how to administer and score the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten. All staff members who seek to administer the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten are required to become certified. Certification can be attained by completing the [training and quizzes](#) within the [WIDA Secure Portal](#).

- August 19, 2021 [Administering WIDA Screener for Kindergarten](#) 12-1:00PM MT
- August 25, 2021 [Welcome Back – WIDA Screener\(s\) / ELMS Enhancement](#) 12-1:00PM MT
- September 7, 2021 [Administering WIDA Screener for Kindergarten](#) 12-1:00PM MT

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